

## POINTS

1. Suggest we take over the complete photo mission immediately and not wait for FY 1972.
2. With six aircraft OSA can accomplish the USIB requirements for Cuban photography; if required it can also accomplish the Laos mission.
3. The Cuban photography mission can be absorbed with no increase in cost of operation. The Laos mission would result in some increase in personnel and some increase in operating cost due to the requirement for another operating location.
4. If OSA absorbed the Cuba photo requirement this would free one SENIOR YEAR aircraft presently tied up for this purpose. Assumption of the Laos mission would free a second SENIOR YEAR aircraft presently tied up for this purpose. In either or both of these cases should eliminate the necessity for transfer of a U-2R from the IDEALIST program to the SENIOR YEAR program for the foreseeable future, in that the SENIOR YEAR program would then have two additional aircraft to play around with.
5. The U-2C flying in the IDEALIST Program should cease as soon as possible. The U-2C/G aircraft presently owned by OSA should be transferred to the Air Force for flyable storage, dead storage, or loan, as deemed appropriate by the Air Force and the NRO.
6. Separation of the photo mission and the   ELINT missions into separate organizations and consolidation of each mission under one organization should result in economies of operation and increased effectiveness of <sup>EACH</sup> operation. Elimination of the U-2C/G from the OSA inventory will result in some dollar savings

due to elimination of the requirement to maintain two different types of aircraft and supporting paraphernalia.

7. In order to support the present IDEALIST commitments in addition to the Laos and Cuban missions OSA would require 6 aircraft; however, if there is no USIB requirement for the Laos mission and OSA is responsible for only USIB required photography, the Cuba mission could be absorbed and our present commitments met with five aircraft, commencing in FY 1972. The sixth aircraft could then be placed in flyable storage. This would comply with the spirit and letter of the 40 committee <sup>DECISION</sup> to hold the IDEALIST fleet to five aircraft.